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1. THE SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM OF AUGUST 21, QUOTED IN REFTTEL, SCORES A BULLSEYE. THE REACTION OF OUR ALLIES TO THE EVER GROWING SIZE OF U.S. DELEGATIONS TO NATO MEETINGS HAS RANGED FROM DISBELIEF TO RIDICULE TO CHAGRIN. WE TRUST THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE MEMORANDUM WILL BE CONVEYED TO, AND ACCEPTED BY, OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

2. FOR OUR PART, USNATO WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IS LIMITED TO ACCREDITED DELEGATION MEMBERS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF SUPPORT STAFFS, WE SUGGEST THAT THIS DECISION IS A FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS OF EACH POST'S CAPABILITY TO ASSUME A SHARE OF THIS LOAD.

4. BY YEAR'S END, USNATO WILL BE IN POSITION TO EVALUATE IMPACT OF THE SECRETARY'S POLICY, DRAWING ON EXPERIENCES AT CCMS PLENARY, NPG, DPC AND NAC MINISTERIALS. WE MAY THEN BE ABLE TO OFFER SOME CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS. RUMSFELD

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